

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. : 10/620,897  
For : IMAGE STORAGE APPARATUS, EXTERNAL IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD FOR IMAGE  
STORAGE APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR  
EXTERNAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR INITIALED COPY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION**

On January 12, 2010 a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability were issued in the above-identified application. Prior to the issuance of these documents, on January 12, 2004, applicants filed in the application an Information Disclosure Statement and cited references. The Statement was accompanied by a copy of an Information Disclosure Citation which listed the cited references, a copy of which is enclosed. The Statement also asked that the Examiner mark one copy of the Citation adjacent each of the cited references indicating consideration of same and return the marked copy to applicant's undersigned attorney.

A marked copy of the January 12, 2004 Information Disclosure Citation form PTO-

1449 was returned by the Examiner but it indicated that only the references 1-3 in the U. S. Patent Document Section of the Information Disclosure Statement had been considered (see the attached Form PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation).

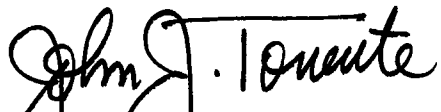
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and enter the references from the January 12, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement in the Foreign Patent Documents and Other Documents Sections of the Information Disclosure Statement and provide applicant's undersigned attorney with a marked copy of the aforementioned Form PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation indicating that these references have been considered.

A prompt response to this request would be appreciated as applicant is delaying paying the issue fee until the response is received.

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